

11 July 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/Branch I, C/Branch II, C/Branch III, C/Branch IV  
SUBJECT: WI Portion of Report to NSC by PCB

1. Late Monday afternoon, 7 July 1952, we received the OPC/WI directive dated 2 July 1952, requiring by noon today, 11 July, in effect a complete report on the status (plans, implementation, progress, problems) of the entire WI portion of the United States National Psychological Program for the past, present and foreseeable future. The material will go through WI/Plans, to the Psychological Strategy Board, then in summary from the latter to the NSC and the President. No such report of this breadth had ever been asked for by anyone before, the required extensive material was not available in any one place in the Division, and some of the required material was not available in written or assembled form anywhere in the Division. Under these circumstances, as in previous cases of important requirements from the Psychological Strategy Board, the deadline was a most unrealistic one, putting great extra pressure on a Division busy with operations, and creating a serious danger of submission of slipped or insecure work. It was however most important to this Division that a careful and complete paper be prepared, since neither the Psychological Strategy Board nor anyone else had ever previously asked for anything that would give the plans and operations, progress and problems of this Division in full perspective.

2. In these circumstances all Branches, at the temporary sacrifice of orderly handling of operational work, put their shoulders to the wheel and did a magnificent job, the result of which shows the impressive progress of this Division in the short space of a year. I therefore want to commend very highly all Branch Chiefs, and the following members of the Branches, for a very fine piece of work:

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3. Our friends in WI/Plans [redacted]  
have done and are doing all they can to try to get the PCB to be more realistic in its deadlines on important papers.

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